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Dear Ms. Best:

This is to acknowledge your May 29, 2019 Freedom of Information Act request addressed to the Department of Labor. Your request is for list or printout of database listing of Inspector General investigations closed/reports completed during calendar year 2015. Your request was received by this office on August 26, 2019 and was assigned FOIA case number 219076.

It is the policy of this office to handle all requests in queue. This is a centralized one person office and at this time there are a number of FOIA requests with large volumes of records to be processed that are in queue awaiting processing ahead of your request. FOIA processing time and delivery of a final response along with all releasable materials depends on the volume and complexity of the cases to be processed ahead of your request. Therefore, it is estimated that it will be at least 6 months (January 20, 2020) until your request comes up in turn for processing.

Although I do not consider this a denial, you have the right to appeal this response within 90 days from the date of this letter. Should you decide to do this, your appeal must state, in writing, the grounds for appeal, together with any statement or arguments. Such an appeal should be addressed and directed to the Solicitor of Labor, citing OIG/FOIA No.219076, Room N-2428, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Please refer to the Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR 70.22 for further details on your appeal rights.

Should you need to discuss your request, feel free to contact this office at 202-693-5113, or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks at 202-693-5427. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Finally, fees were not charged for this request. If you have any concerns regarding this letter, feel free to contact me at this office at 202-693-5113 and refer to FOIA case number 219076 on future inquiries. Thanks for your patience.

Sincerely,

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